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Hold that pose



Staff Sgt. Aisha Abell, NCO in charge of preventive dentistry section, takes x-rays of Tech. Sgt. Elliott Govorchin's teeth during a routine check-up. The Randolph Dental Clinic has new procedures for sick call appointments. For more information, see the related story on page 6. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

Randolph Airmen receive CCAF degrees

By 1st Lt. LaShonda Bush
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Family, friends, supervisors and co-workers packed the Randolph Officers' Club Tuesday afternoon in support of more than 30 Randolph Airmen who received their Community College of the Air Force degrees.

"Sixty people completed their degrees, but due to deployments, separations, retirements and PCS moves, only 34 participated in the ceremony," said Jim Morris, guidance counselor.

The guest speaker for the ceremony was Robert Gaylor, the fifth Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, and the graduates were conferred by Col. Joseph Schwarz, 12th Mission Support Group commander.

The Community College of the Air Force is the only federally chartered college in the United States that awards degrees solely to enlisted

military personnel. Its primary purpose is to enhance the Air Force readiness of enlisted members, and prepare them for increased technological, managerial and leadership responsibility.

The college was officially activated here in April 1972. The following year, it became an accredited member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Occupational Education Institutions.

"This is one of the best programs in the Air Force," said Ms. Morris, "but not many members take advantage of it"

Airmen are automatically enrolled in the program after completing their technical training school, and most of the degree completion requirements are accomplished with on-the-job training, said Ms. Morris. Students also have to complete 15 hours of specific courses such as mathematics, science and English, as well as 15 hours of program electives. The elective hours can

also be used toward the completion of a bachelor's degree.

The CCAF Associate of Applied Science Degree is awarded to students who complete the program in their Air Force Specialty before they retire, separate or get commissioned.

"There are a variety of colleges and universities students can choose to attend," she said, "and with 100 percent tuition assistance available, the education is practically free."

For people concerned about the cost of books, Ms. Morris said there are many scholarships to help defray the cost of books and supplies.

Several of Tuesday's graduates received scholarships. Tech. Sgt. Douglas Mettler, Air Force Recruiting Service, and Senior Airman Anese Jones, Air Education and Training Command each received the Air Force Association Pittsenbarger

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12th FLYING TRAINING WING TRAINING TIMELINE									
As of Monday			Navigator, EWO training				Wing Flying Hour Program		
Pilot Instructor Training							Aircraft	Required	Flown Annual
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Numbers reflect days ahead or behind for senior pilot instructor training class and an average for all PIT classes currently in training.			Numbers reflect students currently in training. The 562nd shows source of navigator students. Air Force students include Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. The 563rd indicates students in specific courses.				The required and flown numbers reflect hours flown between Oct. 1, 2004 to date. The annual numbers are total hours for fiscal year 2005.		

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Col. John Hesterman
12th Flying Training Wing commander

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United in liberty

AF honors rich heritage of religious diversity

By Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Charles Baldwin
Air Force Chaplain Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) -- On Sept. 23, 2001, 25,000 people gathered at Yankee Stadium for "A Prayer for America," honoring those who lost their lives in the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Jewish, Roman Catholic, Muslim, Hindu, Protestant, Sikh and Greek Orthodox clergy offered prayers. The prayer service was described as representing the best in America and unprecedented in its interfaith spirit. One commentator even called the diverse gathering of religious expressions a miracle. It was a profound and beautiful response to the hatred and intolerance of the terrorists.

Such "miracles" take place at Air Force chapels throughout the world every day. A spirit of unity and cooperation is seen, not only in the sharing of sacred space by many faith communities, but also in the love and respect we show for one another. For me, one of the absolute joys of being an Air Force chaplain is this privilege of serving such a diverse community. The Air Force Chaplain Service is devoted to serving the religious needs of all Airmen and their families. We are committed to serving the one who is different with the same passion as the one from our own faith group. This is something that is a wonder to the world! Yet, it is true. This is the culture of the Airman.

Chaplains come from many faith communities. We are as diverse as the Air Force. How is it possible that we work together when our beliefs are so different? We rally around three great watchwords, inscribed on our Chaplain

***“When one fails to
respect the individual
rights of others, he or she
acts contrary to the
cultural and
constitutional framework
in America which
protects our religious
freedoms.”***

Service seal. They are freedom, faith and ministry. What a calling is ours! Faithfully representing our faith communities, we cooperate without compromise. And the reason we do this? It's for the Airmen! We are here to ensure their right to the free exercise of religion. That's the "freedom" and "faith" part of the seal. "Ministry" captures our commitment to care for the needs of the Airmen everywhere they serve.

Clearly, there is the expectation that Airmen will respect each other and accommodate one another in the practice of their faith. When one fails to respect the individual rights of

others, he or she acts contrary to the cultural and constitutional framework in America which protects our religious freedoms. Lack of respect and tolerance for the rights of others to believe as they so choose hurts each of us and jeopardizes good order, discipline, unit cohesion and our ability to accomplish the missions with which our nation entrusts us. There is no place in our Air Force for disrespectful names, slurs and jokes that make someone feel alienated from the team.

In response to the need to re-enforce this message, the Chaplain Service has introduced Respecting the Spiritual Values of all People program. We offered it first at the Air Force Academy and will follow at other bases. This program encourages people to confidently and authentically live out their own faith commitments and respect others whose faith is different from their own. This is the culture of the Airman.

We didn't just recently begin to value religious freedom and individual rights. This is a central part of our rich American heritage. It has been re-enforced through the years with countless acts of courage and sacrifice both large and small.

Air Force chaplains and chaplain assistants provide an example of cooperation without compromise, freedom to live out our faith with respect for all and service to others. So, too, may we all serve honorably. This is the culture of the Airman.

A silent killer enters the house



It was a pleasant spring day when I decided to do some pressure washing on my outside deck. While outside, I left the back door open to let fresh air inside the house. After about an hour of pressure washing, I decided to take a break and get something to drink.

With a cool beverage in hand I went to check my home e-mail while I had a minute to spare. A few seconds after logging on I heard an alarm going off in my house. I immediately started searching for the fire alarm, but soon discovered I was looking for the wrong alarm.

To my surprise, it was not the fire alarm, but the carbon monoxide detector. I yelled at my wife to get out the house. I left the front door open and went to my neighbors to call the fire department.

When I came back, my wife began feeling ill and had to sit down on the driveway. The paramedics and fire department arrived a few minutes later.

The paramedics gave her oxygen and the fire department began investigating the cause of the alarm. They found one thing, the air conditioning upstairs was on. But why would that cause the alarm to go off?

When I left the back door open while using a gas pressure washer the upstairs air conditioner was sucking in the exhaust from the pressure washer that was sitting next to the door on the deck. The lesson learned is carbon monoxide is a colorless and odorless dangerous gas and people should protect themselves by having a carbon monoxide because you never know when it will be used.

“Safety First” columns, provided by the 12th Flying Training Wing Safety Office, are actual accounts of incidents involving Randolph people. They are provided to encourage everyone in the Randolph community to develop and follow a safety-first mindset.

Developmental education application deadline set for certain officers

Mission support and certain non-rated operations officers considering Basic Developmental Education programs in 2006 have until June 15 to apply.

Officers in logistics, civil engineering, program management, developmental engineering, communications and information, services, public affairs, manpower and other mission support career fields may apply for one or more developmental programs. Additionally, officers in intelligence and space and missiles can apply for exchange programs with the acquisition career field.

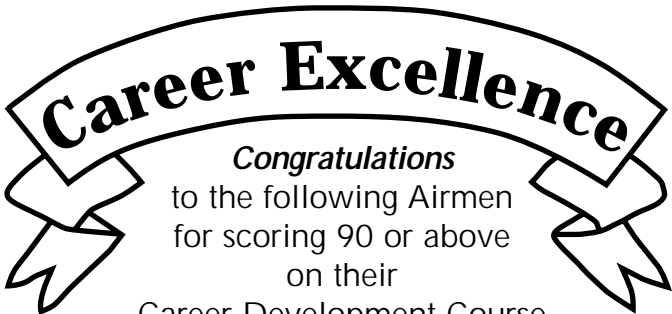
Available programs include the Air Force Institute of Technology or Naval Postgraduate School; Education with Industry; Space Lift Education and Crossover Program; Space and

Missile Acquisition Exchange Program; Acquisition and Intelligence Experience Exchange Tour; Acquisition and Logistics Experience Exchange Tour; Comptroller Operation Logistics Tour; Marine Corps Expeditionary Warfare School; and the Information Officer Engineering Exchange.

Officers must be released by their core assignment team prior to applying and submit a completed Air Force IMT 3849, "PME/AFIT /RTFB Officer Worksheet," to the Air Force Personnel Center by June 15.

E-mail addresses for application submissions and complete details are available at local military personnel flights or online at: <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/acquis/>.

(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)



12th Mission Support Group
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Airman 1st Class Chad Thomas
Airman Alex Vasquez
Air Force Personnel Center
Senior Airman Tanya Mathias

A career development course, commonly referred to as a CDC, is a correspondence course the Air Force uses as part of on-the-job upgrade training for Airmen following technical school.

Promotion study guides hit streets this month

By 1st Lt. Denise Burnham
Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

The latest edition of enlisted promotion study guides will hit the streets by the end of May, said Air Education and Training Command officials.

Both the Promotion Fitness Examination and the U.S. Air Force Supervisory Examination, officially known as Volumes 1 and 2 of Air Force Pamphlet 36-2241, are used by senior airmen through senior master sergeants to study for promotion.

"The PFEs are shipped overseas first and then throughout the United States," said Master Sgt. Gary Billington, manager for the PFE study guide at the Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron, which writes the PFE. "This helps ensure everyone has the book in hand at approximately the same time."

The material will be distributed with the following priority:

- Senior master sergeants testing in cycle 05E9.
- Master sergeants testing in cycle 06E8.
- Staff and technical sergeants testing in cycle 06E6 and 06E7.
- Senior airmen testing in cycle 06E5.
- All remaining enlisted Airmen.

The electronic version of both guides will be available online by July 1 at www.e-publishing.af.mil/.

Unit Weighted Airmen Promotion System monitors will distribute the study guides to assigned Airmen, whether at home station or deployed. It is the WAPS monitor's responsibility to send the guides to Airmen deployed, Sergeant Billington said.

Both guides contain a compact disk located on the back cover that includes an electronic version and a five-minute video about AFOMS and how

promotion tests are developed.

Updated information about counseling, communication and Air Force organizations is included in the PFE.

Changes to the supervisory guide include new information about contingency warfare planning and critical thinking, and chapters on staff-level communication and civilian personnel management.

Changes to the study guides begin more than two years before they are published.

"Beginning 29 months before the new PFEs hit the streets, (Airmen) are asked to participate in an online survey," Sergeant Billington said. "The survey results are then used to revise the study guides and ultimately write promotion tests based on feedback from the field."

To provide feedback on the new PFE, send an e-mail to pfesg@randolph.af.mil.

Outstanding



The Team Randolph quarterly awards ceremony was held in the enlisted club April 28 to recognize outstanding achievement. Pictured from left to right are: Col. George Duda, 12th Flying Training Wing vice commander; Master Sgt. Robert Craig, Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter; Tech. Sgt. Alando Respress, Honor Guard NCO of the Quarter; Angela Varner, Civilian Junior Category; Charles Bailey, Civilian Senior Category; Capt. Marc Banjak, Company Grade Officer of the Quarter; Senior Airman Jana Sautter, Junior Enlisted Member of the Quarter; Senior Airman Kristen Champaign, Honor Guard JEM of the Quarter and Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Sergeant, 12th FTW command chief master sergeant. Not pictured are Staff Sgt. Celie Pettway, NCO of the Quarter and Karen Taylor, Civilian Intermediate Category. (Photo by Steve White)



Senior Airman
Tanya Banks



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Senior Airman
Deomar Baxter



Senior Airman
Jesse Butler



Senior Airman
Dawn Cartwright



Senior Airman
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Senior Airman
Herbert Fritz



Senior Airman
Sharon Henzen



Senior Airman
Nadeem Hosein



Senior Airman
Marc Hudson



Senior Airman
Geanine Jackson



Senior Airman
Hugo Mejia



Senior Airman
Quentin Murphy



Senior Airman
George Perkins



Senior Airman
Ericka Pinder



Senior Airman
Matthew Ploscik



Senior Airman
Doyce Powell Jr.



Senior Airman
James Purtue



Senior Airman
Douglas Putnam Jr.



Senior Airman
Joel Reynoso



Senior Airman
Stephen Rowell

Twenty-three Airmen graduate from ALS

By 1st Lt. LaShonda Bush
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Twenty-three Airmen graduated from the Robert Gaylor Airman Leadership School Class 05-4 Thursday evening at the enlisted club.

The guest speaker for the graduation ceremony was Chief Master Sgt. Philip Topper, the commandant for the largest Noncommissioned Officer Academy in the Air Force at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

As commandant, he is responsible for the professional development and leadership of 29 staff members assigned to the academy. The chief also ensures all curriculum requirements for professional military training are fulfilled for over 1,600 students annually from bases located in Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas.

The Airmen completed 24 academic duty-days consisting of 192 hours. Graduates studied three areas of curriculum: communication skills, leadership and management, and the profession of arms.

The ALS is affiliated with the Community College of the Air Force through the College for Enlisted Professional Military Education. The graduates are awarded nine semester hours toward a CCAF degree.

Four awards are presented to the top students for accomplishments during the course at the graduation ceremony.

The awards are:

- The John L. Levitow Award, is presented to the student finishing at the top of the class
- The Academic Award, is presented to the student who excelled academically on both the performance evaluations and objective phase tests.
- The Leadership Award, is presented to the student who best exemplified the characteristics and traits of a leader while attending ALS.
- The Distinguished Graduate Award, is presented to students who continued to maintain the highest standards in the areas of dress and appearance, customs and courtesies, academics, practical application, team development and leadership skills. It is awarded to the top ten percent of the class.

NEWS BRIEFS

Blood drive today

A blood drive is being held today from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the dental clinic conference room at the Randolph Clinic, Building 1040. This drive supports troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Clinic closure

The clinic is closed Wednesday at noon for an official function. It re-opens Thursday for regular operating hours. For emergencies, call 911 or for the after-hours primary care manager, call 871-4027.

Claims office closure

The base claims office is closed today for training. People needing to drop off claims paperwork can call 652-6781.

Area Defense Counsel office closure

The Randolph Area Defense Counsel office is closed today for an official function.

In case of an emergency, call the command post at 652-1859 and ask for the message to be forwarded to the ADC.

Order of the Sword ceremony

Gen. Don Cook, commander of the Air Education and Training Command, recently received an invitation to receive the Air Force Order of the Sword from the command's enlisted corps. The ceremony takes place June 14 at 6 p.m. at the Gateway Enlisted Club, Lackland Air Force Base. The Order of the Sword is the highest honor given by the enlisted corps.

RFISD announcements

The Randolph Field Independent School District is holding a public hearing Thursday at 4:15 p.m. at the high school in room 21 to discuss the proposed 2005-2006 budget for the district. Immediately following, the board of trustees is holding a public meeting to consider adoption of the proposed budget.

A credit by examination is also taking place within the district. Parents interested in having their child tested must contact the school's counselor before Thursday.

Overseas listing available

The enlisted quarterly assignment listing for overseas requirements for the January through March 2006 cycle is now available.

Airmen need to work through their military personnel flights to update their preferences by May 20. Deployed personnel must work through their PERSCO representative to update assignment preferences. Airmen will be notified of their selection by mid-June.

Airmen can view the lists on the Air Force Personnel Center Web site at <https://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/amsweb/master.cfm> or at the local military personnel flight.

AFJROTC instructor opportunities

Air University officials announced there will be 199 new Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Course units organized over the next few years. This will provide opportunities for retired or soon-to-be retired Air Force officers and non-commissioned officers to become teachers.

Forty-eight new units are opening in the fall of 2005. The new unit in Texas is in Wharton.

For more details, call Jo Alice Talley at 866-235-7682, ext. 35275 or visit <http://www.afoats/af/mil/AFJROTC>.

Resources, information available to help prevent abuse

By Earl Pruitt
Family Advocacy Center

Three children will die today in the United States from abuse or neglect, according to a study by Prevent Child Abuse America. Over three million children were reported as being victims of child abuse in the United States last year.

An even more sobering statistic is that for every case reported, it is estimated there are at least 10 more that are not reported.

Raising a child is a huge responsibility, and Randolph has many resources available to help parents and guardians

with the child rearing process. No one should feel they are totally alone.

"We want to bring awareness to this problem and the services that can help prevent it," said Capt. Shelia Beville, Randolph Family Advocacy Officer. "Our ultimate goal is to prevent and reduce the numbers and severity of child abuse incidents."

According to PCAA, child abuse is defined as any non-accidental act or failure to act which results in death or harm to a child.

Abuse can be physical, emotional, sexual or neglect.

- Physical abuse includes hitting, slapping, biting, hair pulling or kicking.
- Emotional abuse involves a pattern of

name-calling, blaming or belittling a child.

- Sexual abuse can be defined as intercourse, inappropriate touching, or forcing a child to watch pornographic movies or engage in sexual poses.
- Neglect occurs when parents or guardians do not adequately supervise their children or fail to provide them with basic needs such as food, water, shelter and clothing.

Parents can also be charged with neglect if they inappropriately leave under-aged children home alone for long periods of time, added the captain.

Abused children are often recognized by their extreme behavior.

"An abused child can be very

withdrawn or very aggressive," said Captain Beville. "In addition, there may be unexplained injuries such as bruises. A sexually abused child may display a knowledge of sex that is inappropriate for that age."

Under Air Force regulations and the Texas Family Code, those who suspect child abuse must report it. Child abuse can be reported anonymously at 1-800-252-5400 or by calling the family advocacy program at 652-6308.

The Randolph Family Advocacy Program offers a number of resources for parents such as counseling, support groups, parenting classes, programs and referrals to civilian resources. Call 652-6308 for more information.

CCAF degrees

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Award and \$400. Tech. Sgt. Gary Lempka, Air Force Services Agency, won a \$400 scholarship from the Randolph Officers' Wives' Club. Staff Sgt. Isic Williams, Air Force Personnel Center, won a \$300 Team Randolph scholarship. Staff Sgts. Jeffrey Adkins, 12th Security Forces Squadron, and Chanda Russell, AFPC, each won a \$300 scholarship from the Randolph Enlisted Wives' Club. Tech. Sgt. Alfonso Martinez, AETC, and Senior Airman Michael Renn, Air Force Manpower Agency, won \$150 from the Randolph Chiefs' Group.

Staff Sgt. Williams also won a book stipend from Park University, and Tech. Sgt. Seth Jewell, AETC, won a book stipend from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Air Education and Training Command

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Safety office reduces accidents with three-pronged approach

By Senior Airman Karah Manning
Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA – When the Air Force chief of safety, Maj. Gen. Maurice McFann Jr., visited the AOR two weeks ago, he had the opportunity to see a variety of base safety offices. At the end of his trip, he said the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing Safety Office was the "best safety shop in the AOR."

To accomplish their mission, the wing safety office, run by Lt. Col. Scott Decker, attacks potential hazards with the safety sections: ground safety, weapons safety and flight safety.

Senior Master Sgt. Kenneth Butler, deployed from RAF Lakenheath, England, and Tech. Sgt. Christopher Brown, deployed from Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., make up the ground safety office. These ground safety technicians are responsible for ensuring every base work station and every facility follow Air Force safety guidelines. They are also in

charge of investigating, reporting and tracking every injury that occurs, whether on or off duty.

Master Sgt. Dexter Evans, weapons safety NCO deployed from RAF Lakenheath, and Master Sgt. Mark Alvarez, weapons safety chief, make up the weapons safety office. Any munitions on base, whether Air Force-owned or otherwise, must be assembled and stored under specific guidelines and it is the responsibility of this section to make sure that happens.

The flight safety office consists of Lt. Col. Ron Kopchik, flight safety chief deployed from Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, Maj. Jim Norton, flight safety officer also deployed from Randolph AFB, and Tech. Sgt. Rodney Anthony, flight safety NCO deployed from Yokota Air Base, Japan.

"Our goal is to ensure the highest level of safety while accomplishing the mission," Colonel Decker said. "(We do this) by promoting knowledge of flight, weapons and ground safety."

Combined, the 379 AEW Safety Office sections reduce the loss of base members and assets.



Maj. Jim Norton, 379 AEW flight safety officer deployed from Randolph Air Force Base and Tech. Sgt. Rodney Anthony, flight safety NCO deployed from Yokota Air Base, Japan, inspect a KC-135 engine exhaust for damage April 27. (Photo by Senior Airman Karah Manning)

Maintenance team trains its own

Randolph interns become part of mission while learning tools of trade

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

When Randolph's T-38 pilots preparing to launch give the hand signal to pull the wheel chocks, chances are it could be a young woman who darts under the wings, returns to give an all clear signal and wave them off with a smart salute.

Nicole Rodgers is in her second year as an intern on Randolph's flightline and has earned the respect of pilots and fellow crew chiefs.

Ms. Rodgers was one of six young people who began working on Randolph's east ramp last year as part of the St. Philips College aviation intern program.

The objective of the program is to give interested students an opportunity to get hands-on experience working in the aviation industry with the goal of producing skilled aviation technicians.

Of the six, Ms. Rodgers is the only one who chose to return to the flightline, although three others are now working in maintenance jobs on base.

"I love it on the line," she said. "It's exciting working on the airplanes and talking with pilots. Flying's in my blood

and I want to make it my career – maybe even become an astronaut. Sure, the line gets hot, loud and smelly, but that's where the action is."

The St. Philips program has been successful here, said Jack Monreal, chief of the 12th Maintenance Directorate Support Branch, who manages the intern program.

St. Phillips College places a select group of students here, at Kelly USA and at civilian aerospace companies and monitors their progress under the program name Alamo Area Aerospace Academy.

In addition to Ms. Rodgers, the others from last year's group working full time on Randolph include Joshua Woodward in T-38 and T-1 maintenance, Elaine Limon in T-43 maintenance, and Carlos Medina in T-6, T-37 and T-43 engine maintenance.

Mr. Monreal said he expects three new interns will be working on the ramp this summer.

Both Ms. Rodgers and Mr. Woodward are planning to continue their aerospace education through Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University programs. Both expect to complete requirements for airframe and powerplant mechanics certification this fall and have long-term goals to become military pilots.



Nicole Rodgers, an intern aircraft attendant on the Randolph flightline, talks with the pilot of a T-1A getting ready to taxi. Ms. Rodgers is one of the students who participated in the Alamo Area Aeronautical Academy program of St. Philips College that encourages young people to consider careers in aviation. (Photo by Steve White)

Keep smiling: *Randolph dental clinic provides first-rate dental care, service*

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

This 35-member staff serves over 1,500 customers a month. The Randolph Dental Clinic is responsible for maintaining dental readiness while providing outstanding customer service and dental care to all of its customers.

The clinic provides basic dental services to Randolph which includes annual dental examinations, dental cleanings, x-rays, and general dentistry procedures such as fillings.

The clinic is supported by a dental laboratory that assists seven dental providers with removable and fixed dental appliances. The dental lab produces simple orthodontic devices for minor teeth crowding and spacing problems. They also make crowns,



Staff Sgt. Jason Ward works on a retainer in the dental clinic's lab area. (Photos by Jennifer Valentin)

bridges, mouthguards, nightguards, bleaching trays, and removable partial dentures.

"While braces are not part of our lab work, we do make simple retainers for teeth crowding and slight spacing problems," said Staff Sgt. Aisha Abell, NCO in charge of Preventive Dentistry.

The primary mission of the dental service is to provide dental health care to active duty members, including Reserve members called to active duty, and to support operational deployments.

"Active duty members are Randolph's top priority when it comes to dental care, but we do provide limited services to retirees and family members," said Sergeant Abell.

Retirees can be seen on a "space available" basis for acute dental emergencies and general dentistry treatment. Retirees and family members should plan to receive their annual dental care from civilian dentists using the TRICARE Dental Program, private insurance or at their own expense.

Due to recent reductions in manpower, the dental clinic is transitioning into Dental Care Optimization this year. DCO is a new concept of dentistry for the Air Force, but is similar to civilian private practice.

DCO will assign squadrons to a specific team of dental care providers. The dental



Maj. (Dr.) Matthew Bronk examines a patient's teeth during a routine cleaning.

staff will provide one dentist, two assistants and a hygienist to each squadron on Randolph. Each team will also have a team coordinator who will schedule all appointments. For more information on which team a squadron is assigned to for sick call appointments, contact Tech. Sgt. Lisa Anderson at 652-1846.

"This process is just getting underway," said Sergeant Abell. "We expect it to be beneficial for our patients as they will see the same dental personnel each visit."

The DCO concept allows patients and

providers to establish continuity and build team relationships. The Air Force has placed emphasis on dental readiness and the transition to DCO helps Randolph meet the demands of an operational Air Force.

"The main benefit of having a dental clinic on base is it makes it easier to maintain optimal mission readiness. It also makes it more convenient for military members to receive dental care," said Sergeant Abell.

The Randolph Dental Clinic is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Canyon Lake hosts Spring Fling

By Shelta Reese
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The Randolph Recreation Park at Canyon Lake hosts Spring Fling May 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m..

"This year's Spring Fling offers a family fishing derby, fishing lessons for kids age 10 and under, paddle boat races and a casting contest," said Sharon Rector, community support flight programmer.

Some of the other activities include a tour of the park, a kid's area with a petting zoo, pony rides and a "create a mural" area.

Free hotdogs, chips, popcorn and soda are available from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

There will be a band playing music and a campfire for toasting marshmallows.

The park staff is conducting a boating clinic for adults. The park information booth has water and boating safety information.

"Spring Fling has something for everyone, so come on out with family and friends for a day of great fun," said Bill Harrington, Canyon Lake manager.

For more details, call 1-800-280-3466.

Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month Schedule of Events

"Liberty and Freedom for All," is the theme for this year's Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month celebration taking place on Randolph throughout the month of May. The following events are scheduled on base:

- Wednesday - Cultural readings and crafts, main and annex child development center and the youth center
- May 13 - "Aloha Day," samplings of different Asian-Pacific food from 7-8:30 p.m. at the enlisted club

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CDC provides quality childcare for Randolph tikes

By Jennifer Valentin
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With more than 200 children to take care of, the Randolph Child Development Center is always on its toes.

The child development center has two locations. The main CDC provides care for children ages 2-5, while the child development center annex provides care for children ages six weeks-24 months. The CDC annex includes a part-day preschool for children ages 3-5.

"Our goals are to focus on the children's developmental, nutritional and social needs," said Tabitha Booker, main CDC director.

With a total staff of 60 people, the centers implement the Creative Curriculum in their program.

"The philosophy of Creative Curriculum is that children learn through play. The Creative Curriculum encompasses daily routines in all areas of children's development. This includes language, hands-on activities and learning through play," said Ms. Booker. "We don't just look after the children, we ensure children's developmental and social needs are fulfilled."

No child is too young to start the learning process, said Ms. Booker. Reading is incorporated into the curriculum for all of the children. A new reading program was recently started at the main CDC.

"All of the children get their own reading bag, and every week three different books are put in their bags. The bags can be taken home, encouraging parents to spend time reading to their children," said Ms. Booker. "Not only does this new program encourage reading skills, but it gives parents an opportunity to spend more time with their children."

There are a variety of books for the children to choose from, with at least one of the books having a multi-cultural theme, and the Raising a Reader

program approves all the books purchased.

According to center officials, children practice and develop their social skills at the CDC by interacting with others. Learning centers and interest areas are set up throughout the rooms in the CDC to give children the chance to develop these skills while giving them the opportunity to learn how to get along with others.

"It is important that the children learn to get along with others," said Ms. Booker. "This helps prepare them for school."

She also said the children stay in the same room with the same caregivers throughout their time at the center because this provides consistency for the children.

At the CDC annex, infant care is individualized. Young infants are not yet able to be on a schedule so the staff changes their diapers when they need to be changed and feeds them when they are hungry. They do this according to the infant's individual needs.

"The daily routines of changing diapers, reading and singing may seem average to some people, but by doing this, we are exposing infants to the sound of language, smells, books, pictures and music that are part of the environment," said Ms. Booker.

The meals and snacks provided to the children at the CDC are approved by the United States Department of Agriculture and there is a USDA clerk on staff to ensure children receive nutritious meals and snacks.

The staff members and providers go through a lot of training, said Ms. Booker. The CDC personnel learn about safety, nutrition, food handling, child abuse prevention and they learn how to perform CPR and first aid. They must complete 15 training modules within 18 months in order to become a caregiver with the CDC.

Parents are a big part of their child's experience at the CDC.

"We want parents to be involved in their children's

lives," said Ms. Booker. "We have a parent advisory committee and survey parents monthly. Comment cards are available for parents to voice any concerns or opinions they may have."

Even parents who are deployed thousands of miles away are included, said Ms. Booker.

"We send deployed parents updates on their children, as well as recent photos of them," she said. "Even though they are so far away, we like to help them feel closer to home by providing them with photos of their children, letting them know they are all right."

Every room in the CDC puts together a newsletter for parents, letting them know what the children have been doing, said Ms. Booker.

"I am thoroughly pleased with the care my child is provided at the CDC," said Master Sgt. Rita Ambrose, whose son is at the CDC. "I have basically been a part of the Air Force CDC system for 14 years. I feel truly blessed to have such caring people look after my son each day."

The children at the CDC don't just stay at the CDC; they take field trips as well.

"We like to take children out of the CDC environment and into the community," said Ms. Booker. "We take them to places such as the fire department, commissary, post office and the bowling center. They really enjoy going around the base and seeing all of the different places."

The main CDC and annex are open Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. The part-day preschool program is available in sessions: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, or Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8-11 a.m. and noon to 3 p.m.

The CDC is available to parents who are active duty military, Reservist and Coast Guard, Department of Defense civilians and DoD contractors assigned to Randolph.

UP UP & AWAY...



Randolph Field's first air operations take flight

(This article is the fourth in a series celebrating the 75th anniversary of Randolph Air Force Base.)

By Bob Hieronymus
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Building a new military airfield is a major undertaking with many small events coming together to give the complex a life of its own. Randolph Field is an outstanding example of this process. During World War II the process, from land acquisition to air operations, was compressed into months. The land for Randolph Field was selected in December 1927 and legal ownership hurdles were cleared in 10 months. Removing the physical remnants of the previous owners' farms and homes was done in a few weeks and work on the new base utility systems began as soon as there was clear space to work. However, construction of permanent buildings did not begin until October 1929 when the underground utilities and roads were completed. Once construction began, buildings sprung up like mushrooms after the rain. The first permanent buildings (now the post office and logistics readiness squadron in Buildings 220 and 224) were large warehouses designed to receive construction materials for the rest of the base. On the official dedication day, June 20, 1930, about half of the buildings on the base had been started, but none of the major structures were finished. The base was still only a promise of what was billed in the press as the "West Point of the Air." Two officers and 90 enlisted men were already working on the base when the first unit, the 67th Services Squadron, officially moved from Duncan Field (later part of Kelly Field) on Feb. 10, 1931, to become the headquarters element for Randolph Field. During the summer months whole units and individual personnel from Fort Sam Houston, Brooks and Duncan Fields in San Antonio, and flight instructors from March Field in California arrived to fill out the ranks of the new training center. The School of Aviation Medicine also moved from Brooks Field with its full staff and equipment into its new

quarters (now 19th Air Force in Building 661).

By the end of October 1931, upper class flight students were transferred in from Brooks and March Fields. The first flight training on Randolph formally began Nov. 2, 1931.

A staff of 162 officers and 1,432 enlisted men, organized in 13 units, welcomed 210 lower class and 113 upper class cadets to a rigorous eight-month training program.

Two hundred and thirty-six Primary Trainer-1 and PT-3 aircraft stood ready for the cadets on the flight-lines. And so began the Air Corps' only primary and basic phase flight training center for the rest of the decade.

Flying training at Randolph in the early 1930s consisted of four months of primary and four months of basic instruction. Until a cadet had soloed, he was called a "Dodo," had to wear his flight goggles at breakfast and hang them around his neck at all other times while on the ground. He was required to dogtrot everywhere. When approaching a turn, he held his arms straight out to the sides and "banked" them in the proper direction as he trotted around the corner.

When an upper classman demanded it, he would clap his hand to his chest as though reaching for the "D-ring" of a parachute and squat in the prescribed parachute landing position. Meals were taken at the position of attention. Failure to keep his chin up as he ate would merit words of correction, "Gain some altitude, mister!"

Most wash-outs happened during the primary stage of training. Sometimes, as much as 50 percent of the class would be gone by the fourth week. Records indicate only about one third of the classes were around to enter the second stage of training. After the eight-month program at Randolph, the cadets went on to Advanced Stage training at Kelly Field.

Emphasis in the Primary phase was on learning the basics of flying. Then came the day when the instructor said "All right, take it up. Make three landings and bring it back in one piece!"

Successful completion of the first solo flight also earned the cadet the right to drop the "Dodo" label and all the rigid rules attached to it. One member of the first class to graduate in 1932 happily recalled when he could wear his goggles on top of his helmet, not around his neck. The second stage of training was called "basic" and included intensive hands-on classroom work with engines and airframes, as well as courses in weather, radio communications, Morse code and military law. A military pilot was expected to know the inner workings of every part of his aircraft, although the mechanics who worked on the flight line were still the ones with dirt under their fingernails.

Successful completion of the basic stage earned the cadet a transfer across town to Advanced Stage at Kelly Field where the cadets trained in the different types of military aircraft; bombers, "pea shooters" (pursuit), "buzzers" (observation) or transports. Assignment to flying units was based on the skills the cadets demonstrated during this phase of training. Cadets were not authorized to wear the silver wings of an Army pilot until they completed the advanced stage. The total military strength was severely limited by Congress during the 1930s for two reasons: depression era budget constraints and isolationist policies kept many politicians from recognizing the war clouds gathering in both Europe and Asia. As a result, many newly commissioned pilots served two years or less before they were released from active duty.

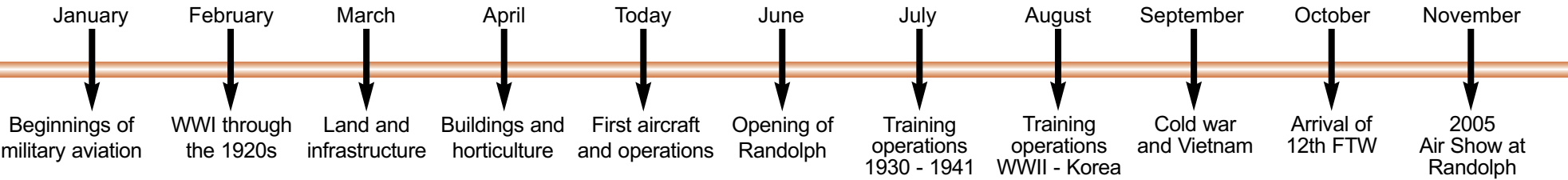
However, the burgeoning airline industry was happy to accept these trained pilots, and airline pilot pay was significantly more than active duty military pay. But the cadre of pilots who stayed in uniform or who were recalled when war broke out in Europe formed the backbone of the Army Air Corps that met the challenges of the second World War.



Second Lt. Jack Helms, West Point Class of 1931, was in flight training on Randolph with the second class of cadets in early 1932. He is dressed for a training mission, complete with leather flight helmet, goggles and parachute over the usual cadet coveralls. (Photos from Lt. Helms' scrapbook)



This Basic Trainer-3 overran another aircraft on Randolph's flightline in 1932. The trainers then were not equipped with brakes and depended on dragging their tail skids and killing the engine to stop. This one didn't.



High school track members advance to state

By Jennifer Valentin
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Seven Randolph High School track team members received honors at the regional track meet in San Marcos recently, and earned the right to advance to the state track meet in Austin, Texas, May 13-14.

The Ro-Hawk boy's team placed fifth and the girls placed seventh overall. Winning the right to advance to state for the boys team were Zach Collins, Patrick McDonald and Sean Applewhite.

Collins was the gold medal winner in the 100-meter dash. McDonald won the silver medal in the 110 high hurdles and Moton Hopkins took sixth place. Applewhite was the silver medal winner in the 200-meter intermediate hurdles.

The 1600-meter relay team, which includes Applewhite, Randy Mitchell, Derek Copeland and Tim Stephens, won fourth place.

Jenada Morrison, Leah Solomon, Jenovia Morrison and Jayla McArthur, are members of the girls 100-meter relay team who won the gold medal at the regional meet and are advancing to state.

McArthur also advances in the 200-meter dash after winning the silver medal at the regional meet.

Solomon received fourth place in the 100-meter hurdles while Morrison received fifth place in the 400-meter dash and sixth place in the 800-meter run.

"Our young men and women have had an outstanding season and we are excited they earned this opportunity," said Bruce Cannon, Randolph High School principal.



Sean Applewhite, left, and Zach Collins stretch before a practice run at the high school track. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

SPORTS BRIEFS

Free golf lessons

During May, active duty military can sign up for a free 10 minute golf lesson at Randolph Oaks Golf Course. The lessons are Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Clubs are furnished. Call 652-4570 to sign up.

Muscle Mania

Randolph Fitness Center hosts its Annual Muscle Mania power-lifting meet on Saturday at 10 a.m. Weight-ins begin at 6:45 a.m. Competition is open to all men and women with DoD ID cards, but only active duty members advance to the Major Command level. For more information call the fitness center at 652-2955.

Health fair

The fitness center has information from the Health and Wellness Center and classes geared toward women during the month of May, which is women's health month. Introductory aerobic classes will be taught on Saturdays.

"Run for Your Life" 5k

A "Run for your life" 5 kilometer run/walk is Thursday at Eberle Park at 7 a.m. This event is free and open to all DoD ID cardholders.

Class teaches youth healthy lifestyle habits

By Jennifer Valentin
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Randolph's family member program flight is offering a class geared toward making the right choices when it comes to establishing a good diet for children.

The class is offered Thursday at 3 p.m. at the health and wellness center, Hangar 71. "The class teaches parents and children great information on how to make good nutritional choices for today's fast paced families," said April Torrey, class facilitator.

Some of the other topics covered in the class include the importance of establishing a good and balanced diet when children are young, how changing eating patterns can lead to healthier lifestyles, and the importance of daily exercise for children.

"The class is important since juvenile diabetes and obesity has risen, and this affects families as well as the children," she added. "The class is lots of fun, and it makes parents and children realize how important healthy diets are."

The class is open to parents with access to Randolph and is for youth ages one year to teens.

The class is available twice a year. The next class is set for October. For more information, or to sign up, call the HAWC at 652-2300.

Keeping pace

Physical therapy offers class for runners

By Jennifer Valentin
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The physical therapy clinic is teaching an intermediate class for runners. The class objectives are to educate runners on the proper way to run, the right type of shoe to wear, and the correct way to do stretching exercises.

The class is held the second Wednesday of every month from 3-4 p.m. at the health and wellness center, Hangar 71. The classes are: May 11, June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9 and Dec. 14.

"We offer the class for those who want to learn more about wearing the proper type of running shoe based on their individual foot type," said Capt. Jon Sams, physical therapist. "The class also focuses on common running injuries and self-treatment, as well as stretching exercises."

Attendees can get the information and help they need in one class session, said Captain Sams.

According to the American Academy of Podiatric Sports Medicine Web site, www.aapsm.org, there are several factors to consider when choosing a running shoe. A person should consider past experiences with shoes, environmental factors and their running and racing requirements. The Web site also stated people should stick with their current running shoes if they are not having any problems

with them, and should consider buying a few extra pairs in case the manufacturer stops making them.

Failure to replace old, worn shoes can lead to running injuries. The suggested estimated time to replace shoes is after they have been worn 350-550 miles, which is about six months. Shoes worn for a long time will eventually lose their shock absorption capacity and some of their stability, according to the academy.

The running class helps people know what type of shoe to look for before they go shopping.

"We make sure that people understand the type of foot they have, so that they can find the most comfortable shoe," said Captain Sams. "Our goal is to prevent injuries and promote a health lifestyle that includes running as exercise."

When looking for the right running shoe, go to a store well known among fellow runners, Capt. Sams said. Be sure to try on both shoes and keep them on for at least 10 minutes to make sure they feel comfortable.

After finding the right pair of running shoes, break them in on a short distance run or walk before using them on a long run or walk, he said.

Any Department of Defense beneficiary can attend the class. There are about 20 spots available in every class session.

For more information on the class, or to sign up, call 652-2300.